

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

IN RE: SOCIAL MEDIA ADOLESCENT
ADDICTION/PERSONAL INJURY
PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

Case No. 4:22-MD-03047-YGR

MDL No. 3047

**ORDER GRANTING SECOND *EX PARTE*
CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION AND
APPOINTING GUARDIANS *AD LITEM***

This Document Relates to:

H.D. filed on behalf of minor J.D. v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al., 4:23-cv-01425;

Jeffrey Barnes, filed on behalf of minor A.B. v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al., 4:23-cv-01422;

Richard Neal Booker, individually and on behalf of their minor child S.B. v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al., 4:23-cv-01537;

C. G. filed on behalf of minor A.G. v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al., 4:23-cv-01568;

N.K. filed on behalf of minor S.K. v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al., 4:23-cv-01584;

M.M., filed on behalf of minor B.M. v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al., 4:23-cv-01615;

1 *C.S., filed on behalf of minor J.S. v. Meta*
2 *Platforms, Inc., et al.*, 4:23-cv-01569;

3 *S.S. filed on behalf of minor M.S. v. Meta*
4 *Platforms, Inc., et al.*, 4:23-cv-02024;

5 *K.C. filed on behalf of minor M.C. v. Meta*
6 *Platforms, Inc., et al.*, 4:23-cv-01465

7 The Court is in receipt of Plaintiffs' Second Consolidated *Ex Parte* Application for
8 Appointment of Guardians *Ad Litem* ("Consolidated *Ex Parte* Application").

9 Pursuant to this Court' Order Regarding Appointments of Guardians *Ad Litem* (ECF No.
10 122), *Ex Parte* Applications for Appointment of Guardians *Ad Litem* ("Applications") submitted
11 by parents and/or legal guardians were deemed presumptively approved upon filing because there
12 was no apparent conflict between the applicants' parental responsibility and their obligation to
13 assist the Court in "achieving a just and speedy determination of the action." ECF No. 122 ¶ 4
14 (citing *J.M. v. Liberty Union High Sch. Dist.*, No. 16-cv-05225-LB, 2016 WL 4942999, at *1
15 (N.D. Cal. Sept.16, 2016).

16 On April 26, 2023, Applications were submitted by the parents and/or legal guardians to
17 serve as guardians *ad litem* for the individual minor plaintiffs via Plaintiffs' Consolidated *Ex*
18 *Parte* Application in the following cases:

- 19 • *H.D. filed on behalf of minor J.D. v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al.*, 4:23-cv-01425
20 (Exhibit 1);
- 21 • *Jeffrey Barnes, filed on behalf of minor A.B. v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al.*, 4:23-cv-
22 01422 (Exhibit 2);
- 23 • *Richard Neal Booker, individually and on behalf of their minor child S.B. v. Meta*
24 *Platforms, Inc., et al.*, 4:23-cv-01537 (Exhibit 3);
- 25 • *C. G. filed on behalf of minor A.G. v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al.*, 4:23-cv-01568
26 (Exhibit 4);
- 27 • *N.K. filed on behalf of minor S.K. v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al.*, 4:23-cv-01584
28 (Exhibit 5);
- *M.M. filed on behalf of minor B.M. v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al.*, 4:23-cv-01615

(Exhibit 6);

- *C.S., filed on behalf of minor J.S. v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al.*, 4:23-cv-01569

(Exhibit 7);

- *S.S. filed on behalf of minor M.S. v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al.*, 4:23-cv-02024

(Exhibit 8); and

- *K.C. filed on behalf of minor M.C. v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al.*, 4:23-cv-01465

(Exhibit 9).

Pursuant to this Court's Order Regarding Appointments of Guardians *Ad Litem*, the Court's presumptive approval of these Applications will become final if no objections are filed within fifteen days of the filing of Plaintiffs' Consolidated *Ex Parte* Application. Applications shall become final. ECF No. 122 ¶ 5.

Having received no objections within fifteen days of the filing of Plaintiffs' Consolidated *Ex Parte* Application, and good cause appearing, it is hereby ordered that that the applicants identified in the Applications for the cases listed above are appointed as guardians *ad litem* for the minor plaintiffs in those actions.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: May 19, 2023


Hon. Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE